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Charleston District supplies ice for FEMA's Hurricane Katrina Response Sep. 8, 2005

Charleston, S.C. – In support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency response to Hurricane Katrina, the Corps' Charleston District is supplying emergency ice to areas affected by the storm.

FEMA gave the Charleston District approximately \$100 million to carry out the Corps of Engineers' National Ice Mission. As of Sep. 7, the District has moved more than 92,000,000 lbs. of ice, worth more than \$5 million, to several operational staging areas in the affected areas of LA, MS, and AL for distribution by State and local agencies.

“Our team members are working round the clock in our Emergency Operations Center in support of FEMA operations in the Gulf States,” said Charleston District Commander LTC Edward R. Fleming. “As the District responsible for the Corps' national ice contract, our mission is to procure and deliver ice during this disaster. Every cube of ice the Corps of Engineers provides to FEMA is procured by the hard-working employees in Charleston”

There are 50 team members working in the Charleston District's Emergency Operations center. Several of these team members came from other Corps districts such as Galveston, Savannah, and Jacksonville.

Under the National Response Plan, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the primary agency for the Emergency Support Function (ESF#3) Public Works and Engineering. The Corps' main roles under the plan include emergency clearance of debris, emergency power restoration, temporary supply of potable water and ice, temporary roofing, temporary housing, structural evaluation of buildings, damage assessment, and technical assistance.

When a major disaster occurs anywhere in the United States and its territories, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers becomes one of the agencies called upon to help clean up and restore devastated areas.